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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRAZZAVILLE 1308

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, CF, GB
SUBJECT: ALLEGED COUP ATTEMPT

REF: LIBREVILLE 2446

1. WE FOUND POINTS REPORTED REFTEL MOST INTERESTING.
BONGO'S SOURCE VERY LIKELY WAS INDEED AMBASSADOR
MBAYE, BUT MOST OF INFORMATION TRACKS WITH WHAT WE HAVE,
WITH SEVERAL EXCEPTIONS.
2. POINT A IS QUITE ACCURATE, AS WE HAVE REPORTED; NAMELY,
WE DO NOT SEE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YHOMBY AND SASSOU AS
HAVING BEEN BEHIND WHATEVER "PLOT" MAY HAVE EXISTED. ON
THE OTHER HAND, NORTH-SOUTH TRIBAL DIFFERENCES VERY MUCH
WERE.
3. PRESIDENTIAL POLITICAL ADVISOR EKONDY GAVE US INFORMA-
TION IDENTICAL WITH THAT REPORTED SECOND PART PARA 1B REFTEL,
ALTHOUGH EKONDY'S SOURCE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN BONGO. PARA 1C MAY BE
RELATED TO INFORMATION REPORTED BRAZZAVILLE
1223 (NOTAL) TO EFFECT THAT BONGO-YHOMBY MEETING IS
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IN THE WORKS. ON LAST POINT, I.E., THAT CONGOLESE
ARRESTED ARE NOW DEAD, WE HAVE NOTHING BEYOND LATEST
INFORMATION THAT THEY ARE STILL ALIVE. ONE COMMODITY
CONGOLESE NEVER RUN OUT OF--RUMORS--CIRCULATE TO EFFECT
THAT FINA WILL BE FREED. DEGREE TO WHICH CUBANS AND
SOVIETS WERE INVOLVED IN "PLOTING" IS VERY UNCLEAR;
WHAT CERTAINLY IS CLEAR, HOWEVER, IS THAT PROBLEM OF TRIBALISM/

REGIONALISM AND ECONOMY, WHICH LED TO ALLEGED COUP, HAVE NOT
BEEN SETTLED.
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